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1. On 23 June 1951, about 1,600 recruits wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and equipped with rifles were detained at the Luckenwalde (N 53/2 70) railroad station from 40 boxcars. After unloading, they marched toward the Stalag. German residents stated that the recruits departed in July. (1) The Stalag was occupied by an only small guard detail on 17 July. Twenty AA guns were still emplaced at the road fork near the Stalag. They were heavily guarded. (2)

2. From 9 to 20 July, no activity was observed at the Norddeutsche Werke. Colonel Martinow, (fnu), was still stationed there. Sedan [] and truck [] were identified. (3)

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3. No changes were observed with the tank position on Kottowerstrasse, which was still protected by AA guns and heavily guarded. (2) Light exercises of tanks were continually conducted in the Frankenfelde-Gotzdorf area. The tanks had pushed over the trees lining the roads and furrowed the pastures and fields. No tanks were seen in daytime.

4. Officers recently started pistol practice at the target range in the garden of the riflemen's clubhouse, opposite the Soviet kommandantura. Fifty officers were seen there on 10 July. (4)

5. On 11 July, 22 T-34 tanks and 4 trucks were unloaded from a train at the Luckenwalde railroad station and drove to the training site via the Stalag.

6. On 5 July, 35 motorcycle riflemen were seen practicing the emplacing of machine guns and mortars in the damaged and vacant central section of the Stalag. Trucks [] were seen leaving the billeting area. Source believed that Section I of the Stalag was occupied by a motorcycle unit equipped with AT guns, mortars and machine guns. Section II was vacant and partly damaged. Section III had previously quartered an AAA unit but was vacant except for some soldiers manning the AA gun emplacements on the road to Gottow and the road to Frankenforde. Truck [] was parked at the AA gun emplacement on the road to Gottow on 4 July. This section also quartered a unit which furnished the guards for the small ammunition dump on the north side of Luckenwalde-Frankenforde road. (5) Motor vehicles seen leaving the section between 10 and 20 July []

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7. In the afternoon of 19 July, several rocket launchers, some artillery pieces and numerous trucks, [redacted] were loaded on a train at the Luckenwalde freight station. (U)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) Recruits were also seen arriving at the Stalag on 19 June 1951.
- (2) The AA gun emplacements were previously reported. The statement by the first source that there were 20 guns emplaced is doubted, since the second source reported that the guns were manned by soldiers of rear details only. [redacted]
- (3) The Norddeutsche Werke are believed to quarter a maintenance and a training unit. The first source estimated the troops stationed there at the end of April 1951 at 600. After that time, both sources reported that there were only 30 to 60 soldiers there. Officer Martynov. (fnu), was mentioned in previous reports. [redacted]
- (4) The officers probably belong to the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army.
- (5) The information indicates that the ammunition dump, which was mentioned in several previous reports is an organizational installation of the unidentified AAA division.
- (6) The information by the second source agrees with previous conclusions to the effect that sections No I through III of the Stalag are occupied by headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army, the 50th Mtrcl Regt and major elements of the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Components of the AAA division are probably being rotated to Mustron for training, whereas the motor-cycle regiment apparently remains at the post. [redacted]
- (7) [redacted] the unit belongs to the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army. It is therefore doubted that rocket launchers should have been among the materiel entrained.

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